

REMARKS

The Notice of Allowance was rendered by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in relation to the present application on April 6, 2004. The present Amendment is made in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.312 solely for purposes of correcting a number of minor informalities in the pending Claims of the present application. The issuance fee has not yet been paid by Applicant in relation to the present application.

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended Claims 42 and 50 only to clarify the various steps to which the recited limitations correspond in the context of such claims. Claims 43-47 and 51-55 have each been amended only to correct the identification of the corresponding step of the underlying base claim.

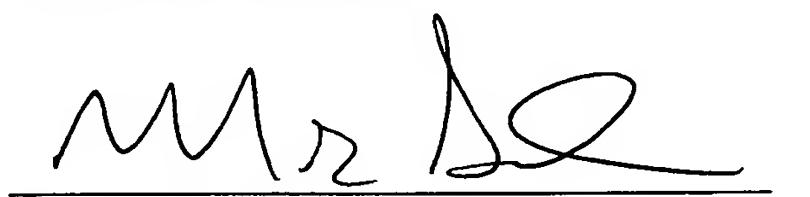
Applicant respectfully submits that none of the above-described amendments introduces any new matter into the pending claims of the present application, and respectfully request that such amendments be considered and entered by the Examiner.

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account Number 19-4330.

Respectfully submitted,

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